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DEER HUNTING

TYPES OF DEER PERMITS

STATEWIDE DEER PERMIT

All deer hunters, unless license exempt, must first buy and carry proof of purchasing a statewide deer permit while deer hunting. This permit allows a hunter to take two deer: one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless. It doesn't matter if the antlered or antlerless deer is taken first.

ADDITIONAL DEER PERMIT

To take more than two deer, an **Additional Deer Permit** must be purchased. The **Additional Deer Permit** is valid for deer of either sex. Regardless of what permit a deer hunter carries, the statewide season limit for antlered deer is one per hunter.

In Zone 1, hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer. In

Zones 2-4, hunters may take a total of four deer.

The statewide limit is ONE antlered deer per hunter, per season.

The **Additional Deer Permit** is not valid unless the hunter has first purchased an annual hunting license and statewide deer permit and is able to show proof of that in the field. A state-

wide or **Additional Deer Permit** may be used on public and private land, and during some quota hunts.

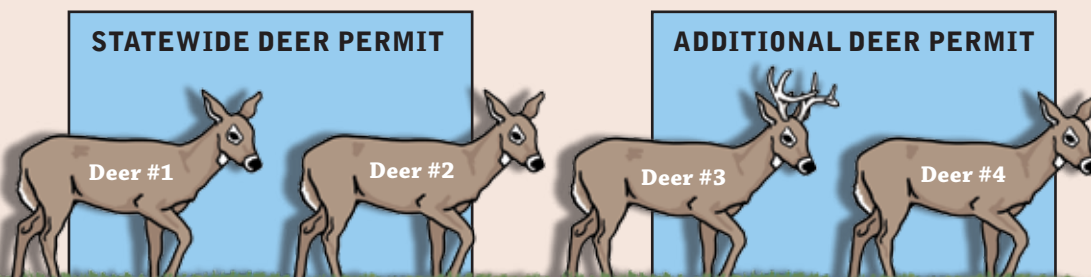
ONE-DEER PERMIT OPTION FOR YOUTH HUNTERS

Youth under the age of 12 do not need a hunting license or deer permit. Resident youth hunters, unless license exempt, and nonresident youth hunters ages 12-15 may buy and use up to two (2) youth deer permits in lieu of a statewide deer permit. This permit allows the holder to take **one (1) deer**, and is valid for either sex deer when zone restrictions allow. Youth must buy an **Additional Deer Permit** to take more than two deer. All hunters, including youth, must follow all deer hunting laws, zone harvest restrictions and bag limits.

Carry proof

Hunters who buy their license or permit by phone or internet must carry while hunting: a picture ID and proof of purchase (an authorization number, paper license or computer print out). Paper licenses/permits must be signed and all information completed before hunting.

It is now legal to take a buck after first filling your statewide deer permit with two antlerless deer.



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RESTRICTIONS BY ZONE

ZONE 1

- A hunter may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken using **Additional Deer Permits**.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 2

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 3

- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm, and no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3, and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- All four (4) deer may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

ZONE 4

- A hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a

firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader).

- A hunter may take no more than four (4) deer total and combined in Zones 2, 3 and 4. Two (2) deer may be taken using the statewide deer permit and two (2) deer may be taken using one **Additional Deer Permit**.
- All four (4) deer may be taken with archery or crossbow equipment.
- A hunter is limited to one (1) deer with visible antlers (excluding button bucks) per license year statewide.
- Antlerless deer can only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any hunter during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season.
- Hunters shall abide by the equipment restrictions in place for each season.

In summary...

Hunters may take a total of four deer statewide, except in Zone 1, where hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer using **Additional Deer Permits**. In Zone 3 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm. In Zone 4 a hunter may take no more than two (2) deer with a firearm (one with a modern firearm and one with a muzzleloader, or both with a muzzleloader). In Zone 4 antlerless deer may only be taken with a firearm by a youth during Youth Season or Free Youth Weekend, or by any hunter during the final three days of the December muzzleloader season. If a hunter takes two (2) antlerless deer on a statewide deer permit, one (1) antlered deer may still be taken, if an **Additional Deer Permit** has been purchased.

don't claim and check in as their own.

See page 41 for deer hunting regulations and bag limits on WMAs.

A hunter must abide by all license and permit use requirements, season dates, and equipment and harvest restrictions in effect for the location where they hunt and time when they hunt.

ANTLERED DEER LIMIT

From Sept. 1, 2012 through Jan. 21, 2013, a person may take no more than **one (1) deer with visible antlers** (excluding button bucks) in Kentucky, except bonus antlered deer may be taken on Land Between the Lakes, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ft. Campbell and Ft. Knox Military Reservations and

Blue Grass Army Depot as determined by the governing agency for each area.

Q: Can a hunter take two deer from private land in a Zone 2 county, and later take three more deer from another private farm in a Zone 3 county?

A: No. If you hunt private land in Zone 2, 3, or 4, the total season bag limit is four deer per hunter. Even if you hunt in more than one of these zones, four deer is all you can legally take. (You can take additional antlerless deer in Zone 1.)

ANTLERLESS DEER LIMIT

1. In Zone 1 counties, there is no season limit on antlerless deer.
2. In Zone 2, 3 and 4 counties, the **combined** season limit is four (4) per hunter. Hunters may choose to take up to one (1) antlered deer and three (3) antlerless deer, OR take up to four (4) antlerless deer total.

Taxidermists only:

Inedible parts of wildlife, including mounts, antlers, and other inedible parts of legally taken deer, may **ONLY** be sold to or purchased from a licensed taxidermist.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

MODERN GUN SEASON

During modern gun deer season, hunters may hunt with modern firearms, muzzleloading firearms, archery and crossbow equipment, and must follow season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect.

ALL HUNTERS, and persons accompanying hunters, must wear hunter orange clothing. **Persons ages 15 and under who hunt deer with a firearm must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.**

Hunter orange required!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires **ALL HUNTERS** and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzleloading, and youth firearm deer seasons, or a firearm elk or bear season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

ARCHERY SEASON

During portions of the deer season when only archery equipment can be used, deer hunters shall not use firearms or crossbows to take deer.

Hunters using archery equipment

LEGAL FIREARMS EQUIPMENT

- Any caliber centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun. But, firearms may NOT be able to hold more than 11 rounds (10 in magazine and one in chamber), may NOT be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull), and may NOT be shooting full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition.
- Shotguns, no larger than 10-gauge, shooting slug ammunition (includes sabot bullets) ONLY.
- Muzzleloading rifles, handguns, or shotguns shooting round balls, conical bullets, or sabot bullets.

LEGAL MUZZLELOADING EQUIPMENT

- Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber, with flint or percussion ignition (including in-lines), shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.
- Muzzleloading firearms equipped with open sights or telescopic sights (scopes).
- Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10-gauge, shooting round balls, conical bullets or sabot bullets.

LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

- Longbows, recurves and compound bows of any draw weight (no minimum).
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows, but arrows may NOT be chemically-treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" wide (when blades extended), but broadheads may NOT be barbed, or chemically-treated.

LEGAL CROSSBOW EQUIPMENT

- Crossbows of any draw weight (no minimum), with a working safety.
- Wood, carbon or metal arrows (bolts), but arrows (bolts) may not be chemically treated.
- Fixed blade or mechanical broadheads at least 7/8" (when blades extended), but broadheads may NOT be barbed, or chemically treated.

during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and **MUST** wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with archery equipment during firearms seasons.

CROSSBOW SEASON

Hunters may take deer with crossbows and archery gear during crossbow seasons, but shall not use firearms to take deer during crossbow seasons.

Hunters using crossbows during a deer firearms season must follow all firearm season restrictions, zone guidelines and hunting requirements in effect, and **MUST** wear hunter orange clothing.

The only exception is on state owned or managed WMAs where firearms hunting for deer or elk is prohibited. On these areas hunters are not required to wear hunter orange while hunting for deer or elk with crossbows during firearms seasons.

MUZZLELOADING SEASON

Muzzleloaders, archery and crossbow equipment may be used during this season. **ALL HUNTERS** must comply with the hunter orange clothing law. **Persons ages 15 and under hunting deer with a muzzleloader must be accompanied by an adult who shall remain able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth's muzzleloader at all times.**

Keep up-to-date on what's been telechecked in your area! Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Telecheck Review on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!



YOUTH DEER HUNTING

Youth may hunt deer during any open season, including two special deer seasons for **resident and non-resident hunters** who have not reached their 16th birthday.

The legal equipment for these youth firearms hunts is the same as the legal equipment for modern gun season for deer. Youth hunters should select "statewide license" when telechecking their deer, and use their social security number.

Youth 15 years of age and under hunting deer with a firearm, during any season, must be accompanied by an adult who shall be in position to take immediate control of the youth

hunter's firearm at all times.

Adults accompanying youth deer hunters during either of these hunts may NOT use firearms to take deer. Adults accompanying youth hunters are not required to possess a hunting license or deer permit if the adult is not deer hunting, but by law, the hunter and the accompanying adults must wear hunter orange clothing.

OCTOBER YOUTH-ONLY FIREARMS SEASON

The first special youth deer season is on the second weekend of October. In 2012, the dates are Oct. 13-14. Youth hunters may take deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide.

During the October youth-only firearms season the appropriate hunting license and deer permits are required for hunters ages 12-15, and all bag limits, zone restrictions and deer hunting requirements apply.

Youth hunters under age 12 are not required to have a hunting license or deer permit.

Q: A youth hunter took a buck during modern gun season. Can a second buck be taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend?

A: No. Kentucky has a one-buck limit per hunter, per season.

Q: How many Youth Deer Permits (\$10 each) may a youth hunter purchase?

A: Two. To take additional deer, youth hunters must purchase **Additional Deer Permits** (\$15 each, for two deer). See pages 16-17 for season bag limits and harvest restrictions for Zones 1-4.

FREE YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND

On the first weekend following Christmas, this year on Dec. 29-30, 2012, **resident and nonresident youth 15 years of age and under, who are accompanied by an adult**, are eligible to participate in this hunt.

Youth hunters may hunt deer with firearms, or any other legal method, statewide **without a hunting license or deer permit**, but all bag limits, zone restrictions, and deer hunting requirements apply.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia and any other CWD positive state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in 21 states and 2 Canadian provinces: Colorado, Illinois, **Iowa**, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, **Texas**, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.



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Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH), a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season, to be distributed to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

You can also donate \$2 when renewing your car or truck's registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in local communities across Kentucky.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BUCKS


180 5/8
Ryan S. Cox

 Bath County
Typical, Archery

Bill Cooper photo

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2011 SEASON - NON-TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
203 1/8	David A. Daugherty	Hopkins	Modern gun
202 0/8	Jacob Duke	Hardin	Archery
200 3/8	Kristopher D. Kelley	Logan	Archery
198 7/8	Stanley Young	Owsley	Modern gun
198 2/8	Robert Ammons	Hardin	Archery
196 5/8	Chris L. Broughton	Whitley	Modern gun
196 2/8	Vandy Thomason	Graves	Archery
193 6/8	Steve Otten	Gallatin	Muzzleloader
193 5/8	Johnny Cornett	Laurel	Modern gun
191 6/8	Matthew B. Bailey	McLean	Modern gun
191 5/8	Tyler Parks	Nicholas	Modern gun
190 7/8	Billy D. Uzzle, Jr.	Fulton	Modern gun
190 1/8	Kent Robinson	Greenup	Archery
188 3/8	Shannon Boling	Owen	Archery
188 2/8	Huey Vincent	Edmonson	Modern gun
187 4/8	David E. Ison	Elliott	Archery

This list includes deer scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by May 1. It is possible unreported bucks taken last year in Kentucky may have scored 160 typical or 185 non-typical or higher.

BOONE & CROCKETT TROPHY DEER 2011 SEASON - TYPICAL

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method
180 5/8	Ryan S. Cox	Bath	Archery
180 3/8	Michael Farris	Christian	Modern gun
179 5/8	Dean Trent	Green	Modern gun
176 4/8	Justin Yeary	Shelby	Modern gun
175 3/8	Tim Gosser	Casey	Modern gun
174 6/8	Ramsey Wisdom	Metcalfe	Modern gun
174 5/8	Devon Wilson	Harrison	Modern gun
174 4/8	Marion E. Wells, III	Scott	Modern gun
174 1/8	Ricky Roy	Todd	Modern gun
173 7/8	Kevin C. Peak	Shelby	Muzzleloader
173 5/8	Billy R. Nelson	Livingston	Modern gun
173 1/8	Kalem Newton	Kenton	Archery
172 7/8	Randy Huddleston	Whitley	Modern gun
172 2/8	Darick Knuckles	Knox	Modern gun
172 2/8	Troy Sluder	Green	Archery
171 4/8	Kevin Roseberry	Campbell	Archery
171 2/8	Marvin Weaver	Hart	Archery
171 1/8	James C. Epling	Greenup	Muzzleloader
170 6/8	Donald R. Barnes	Warren	Modern gun
167 7/8	Chris Brown	Christian	Muzzleloader
167 1/8	Paul Hill	Johnson	Modern gun
167 0/8	Jessie Morris	Whitley	Modern gun
166 3/8	Mike Sweeney	Todd	Muzzleloader
166 1/8	Roy D. Franklin	Oldham	Archery
165 4/8	William Hamm	Greenup	Modern gun
165 2/8	William M. Collins	Bullitt	Modern gun
165 1/8	Aaron Thomas	Ohio	Modern gun
165 0/8	Chatty Lee	Casey	Modern gun
164 7/8	Daniel Jarboe	Ohio	Muzzleloader
164 7/8	Bryan Wilson	Ohio	Modern gun
164 5/8	Henry Byer	Lincoln	Archery
164 5/8	John Lemker	Boone	Modern gun
164 4/8	Josh Taylor	Casey	Modern gun
164 1/8	Donnie Oliver	Christian	Modern gun
163 7/8	Lee Daniel Campbell	Breathitt	Archery
163 6/8	Michael Studer	Campbell	Archery
163 5/8	Jimmy Davis	Carter	Muzzleloader
163 1/8	Dylan Henderson	Todd	Modern gun
162 5/8	Randell Shelton	Clinton	Modern gun
161 0/8	Brian K. Green	Bracken	Crossbow
160 6/8	Vincent Sulfridge	Whitley	Modern gun
160 3/8	Russell Allen	Owen	Archery
160 3/8	Tyler Williams	Pike	Modern gun
160 2/8	Tony Mahaffey	Rockcastle	Archery
160 2/8	Jimmy Lambert	Ohio	Modern gun
160 2/8	Jimmy Thompson	Daviess	Modern gun
160 2/8	Darryl True	Harrison	Modern gun
160 1/8	Rick Williams	Casey	Modern gun
160 1/8	Shane E. Stiltner	Greenup	Archery
160 1/8	Michael E. Noffsinger	Hopkins	Modern gun

HOW TO GET ON NEXT YEAR'S TROPHY LIST

Hunters who take a white-tailed deer in Kentucky this season that officially scores 160 or higher typical, or 185 or higher non-typical in the Boone & Crockett scoring system should contact the department. Call 1-800-858-1549 to find a scorer or report an official score. Completed official score sheets may be sent to the address below. Please indicate the method used to take the trophy buck. Trophies taken this season will be published in the next season's guide. Good, sharp photos may also be printed if received by April 1. Submissions may be sent to: Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. Please send a **copy** of your photos and score sheets, as they will not be returned.